



25th Annual SERR Conference February 19-21, 2003

Southeastern Recreation Research Conference Asheville, North Carolina

The 25th Anniversary of SERR

The Southeastern Recreation Research (SERR) Conference provides an exceptional opportunity for researchers and managers within the park and recreation professions of the southeast to learn and discuss each other's projects, needs, and partnerships in an open information-sharing environment that supports both formal and informal forums.

Graduate students, faculty, agency planners, land managers, and researchers are all encouraged to attend the conference and submit a paper proposal for presentation. Papers will be presented in a large classroom setting. Audiovisual support will be available in the form of a laptop and projection unit, overhead, and slide projector. Each paper will be given 20-minutes for presentation and five minutes for discussion.

This year's conference will be hosted at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Asheville, North Carolina (One Thomas Wolfe Plaza, 1-800-468-3571). A block of rooms have been reserved at the conference site on a first-come first-served basis for the 19th and 20th at a rate of \$79.00/night. In order to secure a room at this rate you must book by 1/19 and mention the SERR conference. The downtown area offers numerous opportunities for lodging, dining, music, and craft & antique shopping. As well, in the not too far off distance are the Great Smoky mountains, the Biltmore Estate, and many a ski resort (www.skinorthcarolina.com). Other nearby accommodations can be found on the web: www.asheville.com

The conference fee continues to remain a bargain at \$25.00 for students, \$70.00 for non-students, and \$25.00 for retired non-students. We can only accept cash or checks made out to Southeastern Recreation Research (SERR) for payment of conference fees.

For more information please visit the 25th SERR conference website:
www.srs.fs.fed.us/serr

Attachment:
25th SERR Conference, 2003 call for papers



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CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers: Proposals for paper presentations at the 2003 SERR Conference are now being sought. Papers should be of an empirical, conceptual, or theoretical nature related to the following topics:

- Outdoor Recreation & Education
- Natural Environment Management & Planning
- Management of Leisure Programs and Services
- Aspects of Leisure Behavior
- Natural Environment-Based Travel and Tourism
- Methodology & Design Aspects of Recreation Research

Authors are encouraged to submit papers focusing on completed empirical research, as well as conceptual papers on innovative models or theories, perspectives, or methods. Submissions should include a component addressing policy, planning, or management implications. As always, graduate student research will be an important part of the conference. *Graduate student submissions are strongly encouraged as well as graduate student attendance in general.*

Paper Proposal: Limit to 3 pages. Your proposal should be sufficiently detailed to permit judgment of the paper's quality. Proposals of empirical papers should include an introduction, methods (including analysis), results, and discussion. Conceptual and theoretical papers should include a problem statement and discussion with a system of organization similar to that of the empirical papers. A list of references is not required but may be added at the author's discretion. The abstract should be double-spaced in 12-point font with margins all one inch and appropriate subheadings. Title should be capitalized and centered (long titles broken into two lines). Any tables and figures should be clear, dark, and easy to read. Place tables and figures at the end of the abstract with reference made in the body of the paper. You are allowed to contribute up to three pages of text in addition to the tables, figures, and/or references.

Cover Sheet: Should include title, **brief abstract (limit 150 words)**, author(s) name(s), affiliation, address, telephone number, FAX and email address. At the bottom of the page please indicate the specific topics you wish your submission to be considered for.

Selection: Selection of papers for presentation will be based upon review by two or more peers of the SERR Community. Authors with accepted proposals are expected to present their papers at the conference. In the case of multiple authorship, at least one author must be present. Papers submitted are expected to meet professional standards.

Deadline: All proposals must be submitted by November 1st. Authors should receive notification of acceptance or rejection by January 1st. A list of presenters with session titles will be available for presenters and anyone else interested by mid-January.

Submission: It is preferred you email your proposal as a MS Word 2000 document (or less) attachment to: kkrause@fs.fed.us. Should you not have access to email services, please mail a disk containing your MS Word document to: Katrina Krause, USDA Forest Service, 320 Green Street, Athens, GA, 30602-2044.